

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
OF THE  
BOARD OF NURSING  
April 20, 2006**

**Call to Order**

Marcy Echternacht, President, called the meeting of the Nebraska Board of Nursing to order at 8:30 a.m. on April 20, 2006, at the Staybridge Conference Center, Lincoln, Nebraska. Copies of the agenda were sent to Board members, news media and other interested persons, and posted.

**Roll Call**

The following members were present:

Marcy Echternacht, RN, President  
Mary Megel, RN, Vice-President  
Jacqueline Ross, RN, Secretary  
Joyce Bunger, public member  
Crystal Higgins, RN  
Nancy Gondringer, RN  
Sandra Mann, Public member

The following members were absent:

Mary Bunger, RN  
Deanna Lloyd, LPN  
Dawn Nickel, LPN  
Julie Brauer, RN

A quorum of the Board was present and the meeting convened. Also present from the Credentialing Division was Charlene Kelly, RN, Executive Director; Sheila Exstrom, RN, Nursing Education Consultant; Karen Bowen, RN, Nursing Practice Consultant; and Ruth Schuldt, RN, Compliance Monitor. Present from the Investigations Division was Peggy Persell, RN, Marletta Stark, RN, Sharon Fitts, RN, and Sue Rydberg. Present from the Attorney General's office was Terri Nutzman Assistant Attorney General.

**Review of Agenda**

The board reviewed the agenda. Items 4.6 and 4.7 were removed from the agenda.

1. J.Bunger made the motion seconded by Megel **that the board adopt the agenda as amended.**

Voting Aye: Mann, Ross, Gondringer, Echternacht, Megel, J. Bunger, and Higgins. Voting Nay: none. Abstain: none. Absent: M. Bunger, Lloyd, Brauer and Nickel. Motion carried.

### **Review of the Consent Agenda**

The board reviewed the consent agenda. No items were deleted.

2. Gondringer made the motion seconded by Mann **that the board adopt the consent agenda and approve the following:**

#### **C.1. February 16, 2006 Board of Nursing meeting minutes**

Voting Aye: Mann, Ross, Gondringer, Echternacht, Megel, J. Bunger, and Higgins. Voting Nay: none. Abstain: none. Absent: M. Bunger, Lloyd, Brauer and Nickel. Motion carried.

8:34 a.m.

3. Mann made the motion seconded by Megel **that the board go into closed session for the purpose of reviewing investigation reports.**

Voting Aye: Mann, Ross, Gondringer, Echternacht, Megel, J. Bunger, and Higgins. Voting Nay: none. Abstain: none. Absent: M. Bunger, Lloyd, Brauer and Nickel. Motion carried.

9:50 a.m.      The meeting recessed.

9:55 a.m.      The meeting reconvened in closed session. Rydberg and Fitts left the meeting.

10:04 a.m.      Persell left the meeting.

12:00 p.m.      Megel left the meeting

12:10 p.m.      Megel returned to the meeting

12:15 p.m.      Higgins left the meeting

12:25 p.m.      Higgins returned to the meeting

12:25 p.m.      Schuldt left the meeting.

1:05 p.m.      The board came out of closed session.

### **Licensure Recommendations**

Based on discussion in closed session the following motions were made:

*Cindy Goff*

4. Megel made the motion seconded by J. Bunger **that the board notify Cindy Goff of their intention to recommend reinstatement of her LPN license on probation. The term of the probation will be for 5 years with the following conditions: abstain from alcohol, abstain from controlled substances, provide verification from treating practitioner of all prescription medications, report all prescription medications taken, submit to random body fluid screens, comply with treatment recommendations, advise department of any professional counseling and submit reports, participate in one NA, AA, or other support group meeting per week, work under direction RN supervision for one year, work under indirect RN supervision for one year, participate in active practice (minimum 130 hours per quarter), obtain a sponsor and the usual terms and conditions.**

Voting Aye: Mann, Ross, Gondringer, Echternacht, Megel, J. Bunger, and Higgins. Voting Nay: none. Abstain: none. Absent: M. Bunger, Lloyd, Brauer and Nickel. Motion carried.

*Elizabeth Smith*

5. J. Bunger made the motion seconded by Megel **that the board deny Elizabeth Smith's application for licensure as an LPN based on her history of criminal convictions with a rational relationship to nursing.**

Voting Aye: Mann, Ross, Gondringer, Echternacht, Megel, J. Bunger, and Higgins. Voting Nay: none. Abstain: none. Absent: M. Bunger, Lloyd, Brauer and Nickel. Motion carried.

*Tara Erb*

6. Gondringer made the motion seconded by Mann **that the board issue Tara Erb probationary LPN license upon successful completion of NCLEX-PN®. The term of the probation will be for one year. Conditions of probation will include abstain from alcohol, abstain from controlled substances, verification from treating practitioner of all prescription medications, report all prescription medications taken, submit to random body fluid screens, comply with treatment recommendations, advised department of any professional counseling and submit reports, maintain active practice (minimum of 130 hours per quarter) and the usual terms and conditions.**

Voting Aye: Mann, Ross, Gondringer, Echternacht, Megel, and J. Bunger. Voting Nay: none. Abstain: Higgins. Absent: M. Bunger, Lloyd, Brauer and Nickel. Motion carried.

*Anita Mills*

7. Higgins made the motion seconded by Gondringer **that the board issue Anita Mills an unrestricted LPN license.**

Voting Aye: Mann, Ross, Gondringer, Echternacht, Megel, J. Bunger, and Higgins. Voting Nay: none. Abstain: none. Absent: M. Bunger, Lloyd, Brauer and Nickel. Motion carried.

***DeAnn Nichols***

8. Higgins made the motion seconded by Gondringer **that the board issue DeAnn Nichols a probationary license upon successful completion of the NCLEX-RN®. The term of probation is until successful completion of the court-ordered probation. The conditions of probation include compliance with the conditions of the court-ordered probation and the usual terms and conditions of probation.**

Voting Aye: Mann, Ross, Gondringer, Echternacht, Megel, J. Bunger, and Higgins. Voting Nay: none. Abstain: none. Absent: M. Bunger, Lloyd, Brauer and Nickel. Motion carried.

**Meeting Schedule**

A discussion was held on the meeting schedule with a focus on the Issues Forums. The decision was to hold the July Issues Forum as scheduled on the afternoon of July 12. Further discussion needs to be held on the timing for the remaining Issues Forum scheduled in October. Two members present expressed a preference that the Issues Forums be held in the evening of the day preceding the board meeting instead of in the afternoon.

**Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for May 18, 2006 in Hastings.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 1:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jacqueline Ross".

Jacqueline Ross, Secretary